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The office of national sanitation is empowered to create, approve, introduce, and authorize special procedures to assure the harmlessness of the chief food products and also to regulate the sale of them.

ART. 13. Food products from within and without the country, of whatever class, shall be submitted to the experts of the office of national sanitation for their inspection and examination and shall not be offered to dealers or for consumption without the previous approval of the said office.

ART. 14. The office of national sanitation shall formulate regulations and ordinances of sanitation and health, which shall be submitted to the Federal Executive for his approval.

ART. 15. The Federal Executive shall request of transportation companies operating on land, rivers, and sea the free transportation of the employees and apparatus of the office of national sanitation in the exercise of their functions.

ART. 16. The office of national sanitation shall draft a system of laws and regulations for the centralization of the service, and the unification of sanitary legislation in the country and its codification, which shall be presented to the National Congress through the proper channel.

ART. 17. For the service, maintenance, and better realization, of the object, the revenue from the tax established by the decree of December 29, 1910, and that part of the budget called duties for hygiene and health are set aside.

ART. 18. In the national treasury a separate account shall be kept of the items mentioned in the preceding article, the receipts from which shall be in charge of the corporation, institution, or person designated by the Executive, and the office of national sanitation shall draw in every case through the proper minister, and shall send monthly vouchers to the minister of finance and public credit for the legalization of the account.

ART. 19. The budget of the office of national sanitation shall be elaborated by the Federal Executive.

ART. 20. The national authorities as well as those of the States and municipalities shall give their immediate support to and shall exert themselves in giving, and causing to be given, strict compliance with the regulations, ordinances, and orders of the office of national sanitation.

ART. 21. All decrees, orders, resolutions, and regulations relating to hygiene, health, and disinfection now in force are repealed.

Given, signed, and sealed with the seal of the Federal Executive and subscribed by the ministers of executive business in the federal palace at Caracas November 13, 1911. Year 102 of independence and fifty-third of the federation.

(Signed) J. V. GOMEZ.

(Countersigned by members of the cabinet.)

CHOLERA. YELLOW FEVER, PLAGUE, AND SMALLPOX.

REPORTS RECEIVED DURING WEEK ENDED JAN. 5, 1912.*

[These tables include cases and deaths recorded in reports received by the Surgeon General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, from American consuls through the Department of State and from other sources.]

[For reports received from July 1, 1911, to Dec. 29, 1911, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS for Dec. 29, 1911. In accordance with custom, the tables of epidemic diseases are terminated semiannually and new tables begun.]

CHOLERA.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Bulgaria:				
Varna.....	Nov. 6.....	1		
Dutch East Indies.....				Total Sept. 24-Oct. 9, 1911: Cases, 322; deaths, 256.
Batavia.....	Nov. 12-18.....	6	2	
India:				
Calcutta.....	Nov. 5-11.....		39	
Italy.....				Total Nov. 26-Dec. 2: Cases, 51; deaths, 34.
Provinces—				
Caltanissetta.....	Nov. 26-Dec. 2....	2	2	
Girgenti.....	.....do.....	45	29	
Messina.....	.....do.....	3	2	
Syracuse.....	.....do.....	1	1	
Malta.....	Nov. 19-Dec. 2....	4	4	Dec. 23 declared free from cholera.
Philippine Islands:				
Province—				
Union.....	Oct. 29-Dec. 4....	5	5	
Straits Settlements:				
Singapore.....	Nov. 5-18.....	3	3	

CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER, PLAGUE, AND SMALLPOX—Continued.

Reports received during week ended Jan. 5, 1912.

YELLOW FEVER.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Brazil:				
Manaos	Nov. 19-Dec. 2 .....	.....	4	
Ecuador:				
Bucay	Nov. 16-30	2	.....
Guayaquil	do	8	4	
Milagro	do	1	.....
Mexico:				
Merida	Dec. 12-23	4	5	Total Aug. 1-Nov. 23: Cases, 49; deaths, 25.
Venezuela:				
Caracas	Nov. 16-Dec. 7	11	.....

PLAGUE.

Algeria:				
Philippeville	Oct. 19-Nov. 11	8	2	Including 5 cases, p. 2096. Vol. XXVI.
Brazil:				
Rio de Janeiro	Nov. 12-18	2	.....
Chile:				
Iquique	Nov. 12-25	1	2	
Dutch East Indies:				
Java—				
Paseroean Residency, Malang District.	Nov. 12-18	6	4	
Soerabaya	Oct. 17-27	2	.....
Ecuador:				
Guayaquil	Nov. 16-30	46	19	
Egypt:				
Provinces—				
Assiout	Oct. 14-Dec. 13	16	14	
Kena	Nov. 20-Dec. 13	3	3	
Minieh	Dec. 13	1	.....
India:				
Bombay	Nov. 19-Dec. 2	17	16	
Calcutta	Nov. 11 .....	.....	6	
Karachi	Nov. 26-Dec. 2 .....	.....	3	
Indo-China:				
Saigon	Nov. 13-19	3	.....
Mauritius:				
Nov. 3-9 .....	.....	4	4	
Philippine Islands:				
Cebu quarantine station	Dec. 4	1	.....	On s. s. Montrose from Shanghai.
Straits Settlements:				
Singapore	Nov. 5-18	3	3	

SMALLPOX.

Algeria:				
Algiers	Nov. 1-30 .....	.....	1	
Canada:				
Ontario—				
Kingston	Dec. 19-23	1	.....
Ottawa	Dec. 10-23	12	.....
Quebec—				
Montreal	Dec. 17-23	2	.....
Ontario	do	20	.....
Ceylon:				
Colombo	Nov. 12-18	1	.....
China:				
Canton	Nov. 11-25	15	3	
Hongkong	Nov. 12-18	9	6	
France:				
Marseille	Nov. 1-30 .....	.....	1	
Paris	Dec. 3-9	15	.....
India:				
Bombay	Nov. 19-Dec. 2	19	8	
Indo-China:				
Saigon	Nov. 13-19	2	.....
Italy:				
Genoa	Dec. 1-15	6	1	
Leghorn	Dec. 16	5	1	
Naples	Dec. 3-9	8	.....
Palermo	Nov. 26-Dec. 9	579	219	

CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER, PLAGUE, AND SMALLPOX—Continued.

Reports received during week ended Jan. 5, 1912.

SMALLPOX—Continued.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Japan:				
Arima-Mura.....	Nov. 12-18.....	6	1	11 miles east from Kobe.
Java:				
Batavia.....	.....do.....		1	
Mexico:				
Chihuahua.....	Nov. 20-Dec. 26...	30	6	
Juarez.....	Dec. 19-23.....	1		
Magdalena.....	Dec. 23.....	45	13	
Mazatlan.....	Dec. 11-26.....		3	
Monterey.....	Dec. 11-24.....		2	
Porfirio.....	Dec. 3-9.....	3	3	
San Duval.....	Dec. 16.....			Present.
Tampico.....	Dec. 1-20.....	4	4	
Tapachula.....	Nov. 1-22.....		13	
Russia:				
Moscow.....	Nov. 19-25.....	5		
Odesa.....	Nov. 26-Dec. 2....	2	1	
St. Petersburg.....	Dec. 19-25.....	10	1	
Spain:				
Valencia.....	Dec. 3-9.....	6	1	
Teneriffe:				
Santa Cruz.....	.....do.....		6	
Turkey in Asia:				
Beirut.....	.....do.....	8	3	
Turkey in Europe:				
Constantinople.....	Dec. 4-17.....		12	
Zanzibar:				
Zanzibar.....	Oct. 28-Nov. 17....	1	1	

MORTALITY.

WEEKLY MORTALITY TABLE, FOREIGN AND INSULAR CITIES.

Cities.	Week ended—	Estimated population.	Total deaths from all causes.	Deaths from—								
				Tuberculosis.	Plague.	Cholera.	Yellow fever.	Smallpox.	Typhus fever.	Typhoid fever.	Scarlet fever.	Diphtheria.
Aberdeen.....	Dec. 2	163,084	55							1		2
Amsterdam.....	Dec. 9	579,705	122	22						1		5
Antwerp.....	Dec. 2	327,668	64	6						2		
Athens.....	Dec. 9	250,010	14								1	
Barcelona.....	Dec. 15	591,272	310	24					3	1	2	
Barmen.....	Nov. 1	170,100	28							14	4	
Do.....	Nov. 25		41							1		2
Barranquilla.....	Dec. 2	40,000	13	2					4			
Batavia.....	Nov. 18	217,630				2						
Beirut.....	Dec. 9	80,000	20	2				3	5			
Belfast.....	.....do.....	385,492	119	21						1	2	2
Birmingham.....	.....do.....	842,512	237							1	2	3
Do.....	Dec. 16		255							1		5
Bombay.....	Nov. 23	977,822	551	46	8			5				
Do.....	Dec. 2		592	42	8			3				
Bradford.....	Dec. 8	288,723	97	8							4	1
Bremen.....	Nov. 25	246,850	71	9						1	2	2
Do.....	Dec. 2		63	9							2	1
Bristol.....	Dec. 16	357,509	114	5								3
Brunswick.....	Nov. 26			5					1	9	19	
Brussels.....	Dec. 3	145,000										
Brussels.....	Dec. 9	739,684	147	16					2	1	2	
Calcutta.....	Nov. 11	890,493	510	32	6	39						
Canton.....	Nov. 11-25.	1,000,000	220	40				3		5		2
Catania.....	Dec. 15	207,000	79	3						4		1
Chihuahua.....	Nov. 26	39,000	29	2				1				
Do.....	Dec. 3		23	1				1				